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CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY #5-4

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TO: All Inspectors

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SUBJECT: DEADBOLT LOCKS AND DOUBLE-CYLINDER DEADBOLT LOCKS

CODE REFERENCE: Saint Paul Legislative Code 34.07; 34.09 (3)(i);
Minnesota Statute 16B.61 Sub. 3(h)

"THIS POLICY IS TO SERVE AS A GUIDE FOR YOUR ENFORCEMENT. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL THROUGH YOUR SUPERVISOR."

Acceptance of existing deadbolt locks of less than one inch is strongly opposed by the Saint Paul Police Department. Inspectors shall continue to call for one-inch deadbolts on entry doors to a dwelling unit or to a rooming unit which is not a guest room. (See attached definitions.) Guest room doors only require a locking mechanism, not a deadbolt lock. The Police Department has requested that the Board of Appeals deny requests for variances to these orders.

NOTE: Existing five-eighths-inch deadbolts will be allowed on solid core wood doors, metal doors and three-fourths-inch panel doors with a six-inch extended strike plate for wood-frame doors.

Double-cylinder deadbolt locks are acceptable in single family dwellings and first floor levels of duplex buildings used exclusively as a dwelling. **Note: If there is a licensed daycare, the owner must sign a statement that the lock will not be used when the dwelling is occupied.**

Enforcement of these signed statements is not practical in multi-family dwellings. Therefore, double-cylinder deadbolt locks are not acceptable in multi-family dwellings.

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